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MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education

From: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

Subject: Adoption of Resolution Regarding National Mentoring Month

Attached is a resolution regarding National Mentoring Month focusing national attention on the need for mentors. Mentor Michigan is an initiative of Governor Granholm and First Gentleman Daniel Mulhern to recruit 10,000 new mentors to bring stable, caring adults into the lives of children.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 29, 2003, regarding National Mentoring Month.

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**RESOLUTION
NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH
MENTOR MICHIGAN**

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WHEREAS, Michigan's children are one of our most precious assets for the healthy future of our state and our nation, and deserve a wise and trusted counselor or teacher, commonly known as a mentor; and

WHEREAS, caring for our children is one of our greatest responsibilities providing for the most enduring benefit; and

WHEREAS, a meaningful, caring, and nurturing relationship between one child and one adult has a reciprocal benefit; and

WHEREAS, Mentor Michigan is a bold initiative of Governor Jennifer Granholm and First Gentleman Daniel Mulhern to recruit 10,000 new mentors; and

WHEREAS, Mentor Michigan believes every child has the right to a stable, caring adult in his or her life; and

WHEREAS, Mentor Michigan believes that everyone is responsible for the well being of our children; and

WHEREAS, Mentor Michigan believes that volunteering is a significant way for people to enrich their lives; and

WHEREAS, January is National Mentoring Month and focuses national attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us - individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools, faith communities and nonprofits - can work together to increase the number of mentors and assure brighter futures for our young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its support for National Mentoring Month and Mentor Michigan, and encourages local school districts and individual citizens to engage in mentoring activities that help students learn and grow.